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The Cover . . .

This beautiful building is Merner-Peiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel-Auditorium on the campus of Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania. Dedicated in 1960, the chapel is air conditioned and accommodates 925. It is well suited to activities of the PENNSYLVANIA 77 Convention.

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Fall Activities . . .

October

7-10—International Society Board of Trustees, Columbus, Ohio
15-17—Washington State Officer's Retreat, Shinn Lodge
22-23—West Virginia Retreat, Jackson's Mill
29-31—Southern Region Conference, Montreat, North Carolina

November

5-6—Missouri Convention, St. Louis

Guatemala Relief Fund

Through September 17 a total of $28,201 has been raised to assist with relief work in Guatemala. Of this amount, $8,850 has been raised through efforts of Endeavorers in North America.

Other unions which have contributed include the German Union, which gave $16,790; Great Britain, $1,715; and Australia, $738. Smaller gifts have come from India, Japan, and Sierra Leone.

Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the World's Union, participated in the Guatemala National Convention July 23-25 at Monte Zion Camp, Amatitlan, near Guatemala City. He presented a check for $1,700 representing the British Union gift, and was able to see first-hand the project of making bricks to help in rebuilding homes damaged by the earthquake.

"Guatemala Esta En Pie" is the sign which is displayed everywhere in Guatemala, meaning, "Guatemala is standing on its feet." The February 1976 earthquake left 23,000 dead, 75,000 injured, and more than 100,000 homes destroyed. The rainy season will not end until October, so adequate shelter, even in this "land of eternal spring," is very important.

At the convention Aroldo Maldonado was elected president of the national union and Hugo Eliseo Gomez Barrientos was named executive secretary.

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54th International Christian Endeavor Convention

Pennsylvania 77

July 11-15, 1977

Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania

Come to Reading, the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, for the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 11-15, 1977.

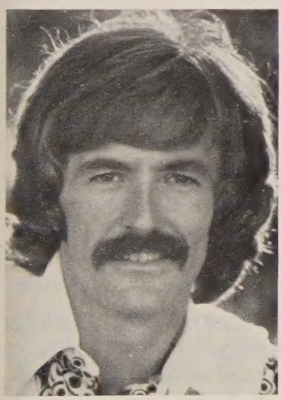
Speakers for the evening mass meetings include Timothy J. Kribs, Maria Anne Hirschmann (Hansi), Bob Morley, and Jimmy Di Raddo. A dramatic presentation on Tuesday evening will feature the Maranatha Players.

The campus of Albright College in suburban Reading will be the site of the convention with major sessions in the Physical Educational Building. The campus provides fine facilities for a recreational program, as well as modern dormitories, a beautiful chapel, and ample space for all convention activities.

Special features planned by the PENNSYLVANIA 77 Program Committee, headed by Mary Moffitt of Texas, include an early morning Communion service, a singing hike, a field day, and a chicken barbecue; educational sessions will feature Bible study and "exploration groups" with a variety of emphases.

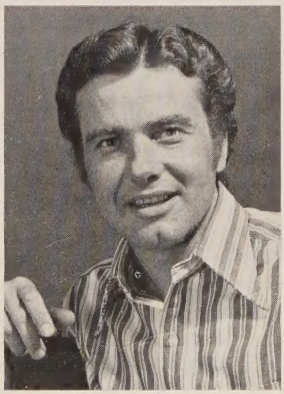
Each morning there will be a "Town Hall" general session with special features. Juniors will have special activities each day with a Junior Convention on Friday at nearby Rosedale Camp Grove. The Youth Assembly will meet, bringing together representatives of denominations and unions.

Afternoons will be free for sight-seeing including covered bridges, Daniel Boone Homestead, Hopewell Village, Hex Highway, and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary; others might enjoy shopping at some of the finest outlet stores in eastern United States or want to spend an afternoon of recreation on campus.



Bob Morley

Maria Anne Hirschmann



Jimmy Di Raddo

Giving the keynote message Monday evening, July 11, when it is expected 2,000 young people from North America will attend, will be Timothy J. Kribs of Gladstone, Oregon, president of the International Society and pastor of Gladstone Christian Church.

Tuesday evening the Maranatha Players will give a dramatic presentation under the direction of Dan Neidermyer. Mr. Neidermyer is founder and executive producer of Maranatha Productions and associate lecturer at the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, Pennsylvania. The aim of Maranatha Players is to communicate the Christian message to the modern world through drama.

Wednesday night's speaker will be Maria Anne Hirschmann, author of "Hansi, the Girl Who Loved the Swastika," "Hansi's New Life," and "Outpost of Love," soon to be released. Trained by the Nazis to be a youth leader, a slave in a Russian labor camp, and a displaced person in postwar Europe, Hansi has a vibrant message about freedom in Jesus Christ and the blessings of her adopted home, America.

Thursday evening Bob Morley, an ordained United Methodist minister, will combine his musical talent and experience with down-to-earth theology to present the beauty of the Gospel in a new and exciting way. Bob Morley sings and plays the music of today that reflects life with beat and feeling. Through this medium, he deals with the complexity of life and the relevance of faith in a way that is both optimistic and challenging. Audiences are moved to laugh and sometimes to cry by this evangelist from Southern California, but always to rethink their own commitment to God and to one another.

Speaker for the closing session Friday night, Rev. James W. Di Raddo, is executive director of the Christian Counseling and Psychotherapy Center in New York City. He is also involved in family life conference programs, campus lectureships, and training institutes for youth workers, counselors, and ministers. He is a graduate of Asbury College and Temple University, has done graduate work at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and adolescent behavior study at the New School of Social Research in New York.

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(Please print or type)

Please register me for Pennsylvania 77. I enclose $10 fee.

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss _____
(Circle proper title)

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(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Church_____ State Union_____
(Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____Christian Endeavor Society.

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is_____

Age (if under 25)_____ Over 25, check here ☐

PENNSYLVANIA PROCLAMATION

Here is the invitation which was presented at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, last year for the 1977 International Convention to be held in Pennsylvania.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE: By virtue of a royal command issued from the Council Chamber of Independence Hall in the heart of historic Philadelphia and directed to the loyal subjects in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the inhabitants of all other colonies, we do hereby spread throughout the land the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Lord God Almighty that young people organize themselves together in Christian Endeavor groups,

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of Christian Endeavor to lead young people to know Jesus Christ as Lord and to train them for Christian service,

WHEREAS, it is proper and appropriate that Endeavorers gather together periodically for fellowship and inspiration,

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union was organized in 1887 and has been offering conventions and training programs for Pennsylvania Endeavorers for 88 years,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hosted the noted International Christian Endeavor Convention of 1935, which included a 4½ hour parade involving over 50,000 people,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians remember fondly the International Christian Endeavor Convention held in the City of Philadelphia in 1959.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is prepared to host another great International Convention at the very earliest opportunity,

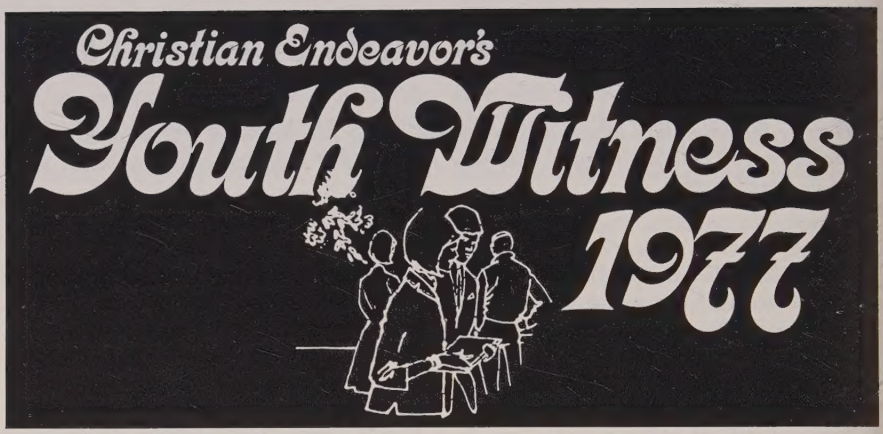
WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is currently in the midst of celebrating the nation's Bicentennial and is eager to share this celebration with Endeavorers from the colonies,

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial sights include historic Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Valley Forge, Christ Church, Betsy Ross House, Carpenter's Hall, Congress Hall, Society Hill, and Elfreth's Alley,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania also boasts the famous Dutch Country of Lancaster County, the famous Kutztown Fair of Berks County, and the famous Franklin Institute in Philadelphia,

WHEREAS, Philadelphia and the nearby cities of Bethlehem and Reading stand ready to extend warm hospitality to all convention delegates.

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN EVERYWHERE that we do hereby announce, order, and proclaim that the 1977 International Christian Endeavor Convention be held in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that all Endeavorers throughout the nation are hereby urged, directed, and commanded to attend as convention delegates, and that a great spiritual awakening is hereby decreed, ordained, and proclaimed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Christian Endeavor challenges youth to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ through the Christian Youth Witness Program.

The 1977 awards program for individuals and Christian Endeavor societies has just been announced by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society.

Participants will be eligible for the Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling $1,325 in cash and grants to attend the International Convention in Reading, Pennsylvania, plus award plaques and honor certificates.

For the 20th year the awards are named in honor of Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City who died in 1964. Through his generous financial support, continued through the Diebold Foundation, this program is made possible.

Full details may be secured by writing to Rev. Charles W. Barner at P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Who May Enter

All youth in the United States and Canada who are members of a Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group and who have not reached their 25th birthday by February 15, 1976, may enter the individual category.

All Christian Endeavor societies and similar youth groups in the United States and Canada, with a majority of members under 25 years of age, may compete for the society awards.

What to Enter

Individuals may enter an article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or activity. Societies may enter a Christian witness project by the society or youth group. All entries will be carefully evaluated on the basis of Christian witness to the community and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the program.

When to Enter

All entries must be postmarked by February 15, 1976, and must be received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, no later than February 25. Awards will be announced April 8 and will be presented during the 54th International Convention in Reading, Pennsylvania, July 11-15, 1977.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to generate in Christian youth a desire to give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and to serve together for Christ and the Church in their community, nation, and world, both now and in the years to come.

Awards

Top award for individuals is $125 plus a grant up to $100 for expenses of attending the PENNSYLVANIA 77 Convention. Second award is $100 plus a $75 grant; third is $75, fourth is $50, plus three runner-up awards of $25.

The winning group will receive $150 plus a grant up to $150 for youth representatives to attend PENNSYLVANIA 77. The second-place award is $100 plus a $75 travel grant; third place is $75 with a $50 travel grant. The fourth-place society will receive $50 and three runners-up $25 each.

In the 1976 Christian Youth Witness Program the top award for individual entries went to Teresa Dale Huff of Newport, Tennessee, for her witness project to 5,000 people. First place in the society competition was awarded to the Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship of Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania, for its year-long COME TOGETHER project.

The winners in the 1976 Program received their Albert H. Diebold Awards at special presentations arranged in the various local areas.

These winners plus the 1977 winners will be recognized during the PENNSYLVANIA 77 Convention, when the 1977 awards will be presented. Winning youth will be used as program participants.

Suggested Scope and Areas of Witness

A. Demonstrate the difference Jesus Christ makes in each life and all of life.

B. Demonstrate how youth can make their Christian convictions vitally effective in all their daily relationships.

C. Challenge Christian youth to relate themselves to Jesus Christ and His Gospel message in such areas as: the home, civic life, school, or recreation.

D. Sponsor a project showing the teaching of the Gospel message concerning one or more evils such as: prejudice, Communism, gambling, or obscene literature.

E. Conduct a program of evangelism among youth such as: revivals, street meetings, tract distribution, or visitation programs.

F. Conduct a program of education on the effects of smoking, the use of alcohol, or the use of narcotics.

G. Encourage the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

H. Encourage and help establish wholesome recreational facilities.

I. Urge Christian participation in politics.

J. Participate in Freedoms Foundation programs.

K. Distribute portions of Scripture and encourage Bible reading and prayer.

L. Provide training in personal evangelism, culminating in an approach such as youth-to-youth witnessing.

M. Organize one or more Christian Endeavor societies in another church or area.

Is your life special?

You want God to do something really special in your life—something that demonstrates He is present and at work. God *wants* to do something in your life. He wants your experience with Him to be real . . . to be vital . . . to be living . . . to be growing.

God wants to create in you the image of His wonderful Son. He wants to see the character of His Son in your life. You see, God loves His Son so much that He wants to have a family of children just like His Son Jesus. But *He* has to create that perfect image in us. And that perfect creation will take time. He won't even finish the job on earth. But He wants to begin . . . now.

You can start by reading the Bible. God uses His Word to show us how we should live. In His Word we can see the holy character of God. We can see how Christ lived. We can see how God works in people's lives. Read God's Word prayerfully. And as you read and as you pray, He will begin working in your life. He will begin forming in you the image He wants to see. It's hard to explain. But God will reveal it all to you personally.

Did you know that the most important time of the day is the first half hour after you wake up? What you think and how you think then will set the pattern for how you will think and what you will think all day.

It's true! That's why the most important thing you can do when you get up is to turn to God. Read His Word. Speak to Him. Listen to Him.

Do this *regularly,* not just once in a while. And something will begin to happen in your life. You'll begin to see God as He really is. You'll begin to see things through His eyes. You'll even begin to react in difficult circumstances like He would react! *You'll begin to be like Christ.*

God will then be a reality, not just a theory, in your life. He will be a practical experience. This is what the Quiet Hour is all about.

"And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace" (Philippians 1:6, LB).

"And as we live with Christ, our love grows more perfect and complete . . ."(I John 5:17, LB).

These articles support the 1976 Stewardship emphasis.

What are your priorities?

God wants us to be good managers . . . of our time, of our abilities, of our money . . . of everything He has placed at our disposal. He wants us to be unselfish . . . to think of others more than we think of ourselves. There are many reasons why young people should tithe. Managing money is a good habit. Start it now. It will be a great help to you later. It's a wonderful privilege to be able to give back to the Lord some of the wealth He has given us.

But the real key to the tithing issue is this: God wants you to establish the right *priorities* in your life. What are you most concerned about? Clothes? Dates? Cars? Popularity? God wants to completely re-arrange your life style. He wants you to desire His will and His way first—*above all else.*

It's not easy. But God has told us clearly what He expects of His children. "Don't worry about things—food, drink, clothes. Why be like the heathen? For they take pride in all these things and are deeply concerned about them. But your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them and He will give them to you if you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants you to" (Matthew 6, LB).

Why not make a list, right now, of the ten most important things you want. List them in order of priority in your life. Be honest. God knows your heart. (He knows the real you!) Pray about the things you have listed. Rate them as you think God would rate them.

How we spend our money shows to a great extent what we really value in life. This is what Christ meant when He said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will be also" (Luke 12:34).

We can't outgive God. He has given us all things. We can't make Him feel obligated to us.

God loves happy, enthusiastic givers. Be eager to give for His work! Really show God how much you love Him by putting the proper priorities on your money.

Remember, "Keep away from anything that might take God's place in your heart" (I John 5:21, LB).

By Arthur and Glorya Hammers

SING THE PLEDGE

Tune: Gordon
My Jesus I love Thee.

Relying on Jesus my strength to supply,
I vow that to please Him in all things I'll try:
The rule of my life I will make it each day
My Bible to read and in secret to pray.

The church both my presence and help will receive,
Or conscience a reason to Jesus must give:
Throughout my whole life, just as far as I know,
I'll firmly endeavour the Christ life to show.

As a Christian Endeav'rer I vow to be true,
And answer to Jesus for what I shall do:
To speak, read or pray and each meeting attend
And faithful supporter I'll be to the end.

Tune: Ellers
Saviour again to Thy dear Name we raise

Trusting in Thee for strength, I would be true,
Loyal in all that Thou would have me do;
In heart and life, O Christ, Thine, Thine to be
Now consecrating all I am to Thee.

On Thy blest Holy Word I'll daily feed,
Bring Thee in prayer, each day, my daily need,
Gladly my part I'll take in work for Thee,
In my beloved church and my C.E.

As Thou dost lead me, Lord, I'll seek to lead
Others, that they may find Thy way indeed;
As Thou dost give me, I will gladly give
That those who ne'er have known Thy Name might live.

My pledge I make, dear Lord, with true intent,
All that to do unless Thou would prevent,
So will I forward go in trust today,
Strong in Thy Strength to serve Thee Lord, for aye.

OREGON ENDEAVORERS met March 25-28 at Eugene for their 84th annual convention. Theme was "In God We Trust" (Proverbs 3:5,6). One feature was the Junior Convention (top photo) Friday and Saturday mornings. Among the many awards given was the Daniel A. Poling Cup for union work; Joni Winchell, outgoing president, is shown (bottom photo) presenting the cup to Sidney Lane, Clackamas Union; with second place Portland represented by Sheri Winchell and third place Klamath by Caroline Glodoski.

TEXAS delegates pose (below) during their convention June 17-19 at Le Tourneau College, Longview. Theme was "Christ Makes the Difference." Guest leaders were Ray and Jane Bartholomew of Pennsylvania. Highlights included the annual Bible Bowl and the banquet where the Handbell Choir of First Christian Church, Harlingen, performed. Credit goes to Mrs. John Maly, chairman, Program Committee; A. G. Hale, local chairman; and Mrs. Clever Dean Lewis, who directed the Junior Convention.

NEWS

Society News Notes

Endeavorers of Unity United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania, (first-place society winners in the 1976 Christian Youth Witness Program) sang the musical, "The Apostle," in June for Endeavorers in the tri-state (Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia) area at First Christian Church, New Cumberland, West Virginia.

Thirteen young people from Akron (Pennsylvania) Grace Evangelical Congregational Church "tramped fifteen miles for the Lord" early this year to help raise money for a bus at the denomination's Kentucky Mission. The Lancaster County teen-agers secured pledges of $1 per mile and raised $314.

Keystone State News

The Pennsylvania Union held its Summer Assembly July 12-17 at Perkiomen School, Pennsburg. One of the leaders was Christopher Summerville of Alabama, associate president of the International Society. Chris taught two senior high Bible sessions daily. Speaker for the closing session was Rev. Arno Pagel of Germany, World's Union president.

Rev. Paul William Steel, pastor of Allegheny Avenue Baptist Church, Philadelphia, was installed as the new president by outgoing prexy P. Raymond Bartholomew. Over 175 attended.

Oregon Head

Bruce Bean was installed as Oregon Union president at this year's convention in his home town of Eugene. He is active in University Street Church of Christ and is a senior at Northwest Christian College. At the International Convention in Portland in 1975 he assisted in the Bookstore. Bruce is 23 years old and single.

Meet the Texas President

Priscilla Elaine Parker, elected president of the Texas Union at its convention in June, was 17 on August 30. She has a twin brother, Forrest Wayne, and a sister, Polly Ann, who is in the 8th grade.

Priscilla was involved in Christian Endeavor at First Christian Church in Harlingen until she moved to San Antonio in 1975 and held many offices. In her new home she was instrumental in organizing a society at Castle Hills Christian Church. She is a senior at Robert E. Lee High School.

A BEAUTIFUL Christian Endeavor window can be found at Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ at 260 Main Street in Greenville (Mercer County), Pennsylvania. This picture was provided by Lavern and Lucille Billig. Photos or color slides of similar windows are being sought in connection with Christian Endeavor's Centennial—send them to Headquarters in Columbus.

Traveling Endeavorers

Many Endeavorers traveled to other areas this year, some representing the International Society as official delegates at a state or provincial union event.

Lucille and Lavern Billig of Pennsylvania traveled to North Carolina in August and Jane and Raymond Bartholomew, also of Pennsylvania, flew to Texas in June and journeyed to Virginia in August.

Barbara J. Dority of Virginia represented the International Society at West Virginia's June Convention and Bruce J. Vliek of Ohio participated in Michigan's fall retreat in September.

David Schwabauer, field secretary of Michigan, spent a week visiting with Pennsylvania Endeavorers in August and Robert Coleman of Los Angeles (California) Christian Endeavor participated in Oregon's summer conference in August.

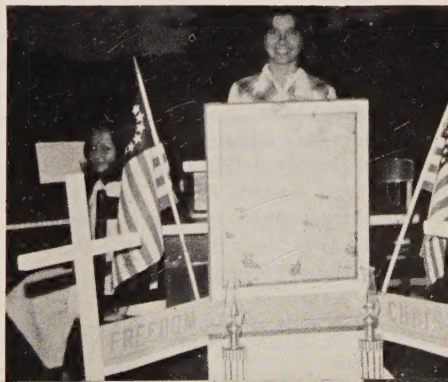
Christopher Summerville, associate president of the International Society, while in Pennsylvania for the Summer Assembly visited with Mercer County Endeavorers and spoke at a picnic supper. He also spoke at Unity United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, and at Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading.

Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania participated in a Golden Rule conference in Maryland and fellow Pennsylvanian, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, was featured at the Maryland Union's September convention.

Congratulations!

On August 28 Clydea Louise West became the bride of Dennis J. Hampel. They were married at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, where her father, Rev. Clyde E. West, is pastor. Clydea was "Miss Christian Endeavor" of St. Louis in 1973 and has been active in the movement since she was a junior. Her grandfather, the late Rev. Alfred C. Crouch, was Missouri executive secretary for 12 years. Best wishes to you, Mr. and Mrs. Hampel.

NORTH CAROLINA Endeavorers will be led for the coming year by Richard Lidbom (below left), with his wife Brenda editing the TAR HEEL ENDEAVORER. The union's annual summer conference was held August 19-22 at Crestmont Assembly Grounds with Lavern Billig of Pennsylvania representing the International Society. Theme was "Let Christ's Freedom Ring." Leading one of the sessions (below right) was Melinda Jester, with Betsy Murray at the piano. Miss Jester chaired the conference planning committee.



Evans Heads Pennsylvania 77 Local Committee

Dr. Edward W. Evans, Reading, Pennsylvania, has been named general chairman of the PENNSYLVANIA 77 Convention Committee, according to announcement by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society.

The PENNSYLVANIA 77 Convention Committee will care for all details in planning for hospitality, meeting places, and other local arrangements for the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention scheduled for Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania, July 11-15, 1977. The convention is expected to attract approximately 2,500 delegates to the "Pennsylvania Dutch Country." Special delegations are expected from Germany and Guatemala.

Dr. Evans, chairman of the Mathematics Department of Kutztown State College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, is a member of the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematics Association of America, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. A member of St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church, he is engaged in local church as well as interdenominational activities. Dr. Evans and his wife Joan have four children; Mrs. Rickie Stoudt of Laureldale and Beth Ann, Thomas, and John at home.

Gordon McMordie is serving as associate chairman of the local committee and six vice-chairmen have been selected: Dr. Dale Gaul, Arrangements; George Mays, Finance; Mrs. Richard Cattermole, Hospitality; Rev. David G. Hornberger, Public Relations; Lavern Billig, Registrations; and Rev. Franklin H. Schock, Special Activities. Mrs. Jack Sands is the secretary and Richard Yoder is treasurer.

Pennsylvania is considered the local area for registration purposes and registrars are being appointed in local societies and unions. All registrations from the Keystone State go to the local committee to help with its budget needs. The fee is $2.

In the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, Reading is 56 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Local festivals draw thousands to see pageants and craft demonstrations, visit historic sites, and enjoy the fabulous foods.

Known as the " factory outlet capital of the U.S.A.," Reading also offers shoppers discounts of up to 50% on a variety of nationally-advertised items.

Living Memorials

Recently gifts have been received by the International Society in memory of the following:

Mrs. Ann Allgyer (Illinois)
Lawrence D. Dyer (Washington)
Robert S. Hildreth (Ohio)
Gary Hunter (Michigan)
Mrs. Edna M. Hurley (Pennsylvania)
Louis Klein, Jr. (Pennsylvania)
Mrs. Florence Meyers Leger (Nebraska)
Mrs. Mary Manning (D.C.)
Margaret A. McClean (Pennsylvania)
Mrs. Helen I. McQuilkin (Pennsylvania)
Aubrey T. Minor (Virginia)
Mrs. J. Louis Mohle (Texas)
Hugh Paton (Pennsylvania)
Mrs. Helena Rogers Ray (Texas)
Earl A. Robinson (Minnesota)
Rev. Samuel M. Saffery, D.D. (Hawaii)
Carl W. Steinkamp (Ohio)
E. Herbert Wilson (Maryland)
Mrs. Yap, mother of Rev. Moody Yap (Hong Kong)

Memorial gifts advance the work of Christian Endeavor. To give a living memorial send contribution with name of person to be honored to P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

A Message From the President, Timothy J. Kribs

Christian Endeavor Update

Every life, including the life of a Christian, is a mixture of both joys and sorrows, problems and accomplishments. This is also true of our beloved Christian Endeavor movement. Even though financial shortages are requiring a new look at priorities and a cut back in usual activities, there remains much for which we can be truly thankful.

The 1976 Christian Youth Witness Program has again challenged young people to witness for the Master and to let others know what a difference He has made in their lives. The April-May-June CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD announced the winners and described their differing ways of witnessing. I hope *you* are witnessing for Christ now and will enter the 1977 Program!

The Junior and Youth Resource Packets continue to be received and used with great joy. The only complaint we hear is that there ought to be more in each packet! Each piece in every packet is very useable. Both sponsors and youth find needed help in the packets. If your society is not receiving and using the Resource Packets distributed three times yearly, please write to receive them; there is no cost and your only obligation is to use them for the glory of Christ and the Church.

Excitement is growing daily for the PENNSYLVANIA 77 International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 11-15, 1977, in Reading, Pennsylvania. The local committee is making careful preparations for our coming. They are well organized under the able direction of Dr. Edward (Skip) Evans. I know of many groups that are saving money now to come. The outstanding main speakers have just been announced. You'll not want to miss any of the convention. Plan now to join us.

We have had Christian Endeavor representatives at many denominational conventions and conferences this spring and summer. The needs of churches for an effective youth program have never been greater. The situation in many churches today is like that in 1881 when Dr. Clark organized Christian Endeavor. Many churches are doing nothing to train their young people for leadership in the church. There is much interest in an effective youth program like Christian Endeavor. Help us spread the news of how Christian Endeavor can help churches train their youth; tell others and help us tell others.

May the Lord bless you as you are faithful to Him in His service!

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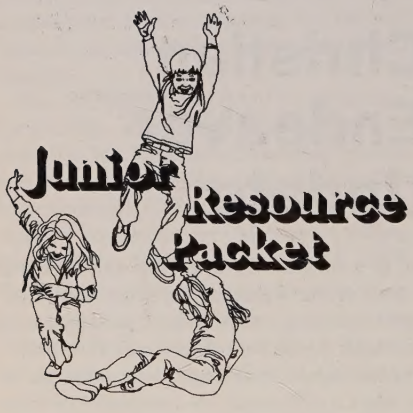
Youth Resource Packet



Resource Packets of Christian Endeavor material are available for use by youth groups. Provide the information requested on the form below and a packet will be sent to you three times a year *without charge* for your group's use.

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